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THE WAR. BRITISH SUCCESSES.

CAPTURE OF LYON'S COMMANDO.

Durban, Dec. 6.—Col. Mackenzie, operating from the north-east of Orange River Colony, has captured Lyon's commando. Central News.

LORD MELTHUM'S HAUL.
Johannesburg, Dec. 6.—In his attack on Melthum's laager Lord Methuen captured 38 prisoners and a very large number of cattle and sheep. He also secured a large steam mill and several ploughs which the Boers have been carting about and using for cultivating land.—Reuter.

ENEMY'S STRENGTH IN THE FIELD.

Mr. Kruger received a report from Gen. Botha on Thursday last (The Morning Post) stating that the Boers still in the field in the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony number 16,000, and that 13 commandos are operating in Cape Colony.

BOER SEEKING TO ESCAPE.

In the Eastern Transvaal, Gen. Louis Botha, who has with him about 1,800 men, is again seeking to escape from the cordon of columns by which he is being surrounded.

The force under his immediate orders is made up of the various commandos that have been driven in by our troops towards Bloemfontein. The report that these men

are averse from fighting probably means that after the severe losses sustained at Brakpanlaagte and in the attack on Fort Italia, the number of unreconciled ready for any desperate enterprise has seriously diminished.

To the north of the Delagoa Railway line, Gen. Viljoen, with 400 men, is watching events at a point some distance from Belfast. Gen. Beyers is moving down towards Sand River Poort, presumably with the object of effecting a junction with Badenhorst to the west of Warmbaths.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS. SUGGESTED CHANGE.

Pretoria, Dec. 6.—The high death-rate in the concentration camps is due, without doubt, to the heavy rainfalls.

The regulations, the conditions, the sanitation, the hospital arrangements, and the food supplies are all so good that it is difficult otherwise to account for it.

A general feeling, however, is growing that in view of the continuation of hostilities some other method of disposing of the inhabitants of the country is advisable, alike in their interests and ours.—Central News.

DUTCH AMBULANCE DOCTORS DISCUSSION AT THE HAGUE ON BRITISH ACTION.

During the debate on the estimates for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at the Hague, yesterday, Mr. Davison protested against the imprisonment of the staff and the confiscation of the material of the second Dutch Red Cross Ambulance as being contrary to the Geneva Convention, which guarantees the neutrality and inviolability of the staff of ambulance. He admitted that the British authorities had perhaps the right to remove the ambulance from the theatre of war, but never to imprison its members.—M.

Seret declared that the Dutch doctor who positively denied the version given of the affair by the British authorities were

TREATED AS IMPORTORS AND LIARS,

and suggested that the evidence of witnesses should be heard by Great Britain, and that the whole matter should be laid before an arbitration court.—M. Van Lyden, Minister for Foreign Affairs, replying to these remarks, said that the Geneva Convention only guaranteed the inviolability of those ambulances which belonged to belligerents, but had no reference to ambulances belonging to neutrals, which he said, in any case could not enjoy greater privileges than those of belligerents. The ambulance staff of either belligerent could be made prisoners if they violated the law of neutrality. The Dutch Government contended that the minister had several times demanded the liberation of the members of the ambulance on parole. But Great Britain was not obliged to agree to their release until

AFTER THE END OF THE WAR.

He would repeat his request if he thought that at any time a more favourable result might be anticipated.

M. Davison replied that in any case the interpretation of the Geneva Convention was doubtful, so that the case required a decision either from the Hague Court of Arbitration or from the signatory Powers of the Geneva Convention.—M. Van Karsveek, vice-president of the Peace Conference, said that if the Geneva Convention did not specify the position of neutral ambulances it followed that these ambulances had no rights, and that they were therefore neutral ab initio.—M.

Van Lyden replied that he had only stated the British point of view.—M.

Davison finally asked the minister to insist that Great Britain should liberate the prisoners on parole. The discussion was then allowed to drop.

TRAITOR SENTENCES.

Graf Reinet, Dec. 6.—A farmer

has been sentenced here to a year's imprisonment and a fine of £100 for

withholding information of the presence of the enemy. Hendrik Albertyn, who served as corporal in a rebel commando, has been found guilty of marauding and of burning property, and has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.—Reuter.

Colesberg, Dec. 6.—Petrus Pienaar has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for inviting others to arrest a man of the Cape Police, and for supplying horses, wheat, and sheep to the enemy.—Reuter.

RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS AT PRETORIA.

Pretoria, Dec. 7.—The transaction of money order business will be resumed on Jan. 1, when the restrictions prohibiting dealings in stocks and shares will also be removed.—Reuter.

LOYAL SOUTH AFRICA.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Commenting on the Prince of Wales' speech at the Guildhall yesterday, "The Cape Times" says that the visit of the Prince and Princess has left a lasting impression in South Africa, and thanks the Prince for his kindly recognition of the efforts which only feebly expressed the affectionate devotion felt for their Royal Highnesses and the King, and assure him that, whatever the differences of the past, the future of the Colony is assured—a future of steady allegiance and unswerving loyalty to the Crown, and to the great ideas of Imperial unity, of which the Crown is a symbol.—Reuter.

TROOPS FOR S. AFRICA.
The draft of the R.F.A. and remounts under orders to embark at Southampton in the a.s. Ulsterman for S. Africa left the Royal Dockyard siding, Woolwich, at 4 a.m. yesterday.

Yesterday a fully-loaded special train left the Government siding at Aldershot with a draft of 100 hospital orderlies of the R.A.M.C., under the command of Lieut.-col. Hart, completely equipped telegraph sections of the R.E., composed for the most part of postal telegraph operators and members of the 24th Middlesex Vol. Rifle Corps, and a draft of Howitzer Artillerymen, under the command of Lieut.-Primos and Maitland. The telegraph sections were commanded by Capt. Davey and Lieut. Prickett, R.E., and took a large quantity of stores with them for air line and field wire-work. The R.A.M.C. draft is the first of eight similar drafts that are to be despatched to S. Africa within the next two months.

The R.F.A. batteries stationed at Portsmouth yesterday sent a draft of 62 rank and file to Southampton, where they will embark for S. Africa.

The Ulstermen sailed for S. Africa from Southampton yesterday with 25 officers, 427 men, and 300 horses. The vessel calls at Queenstown to embark another 100 remounts.—Reuter.

THE KING'S COLONIALS.

PRINCE OF WALES APPOINTED
HONORARY COLONEL.

The "Gazette" contains official notification of the appointment of the Prince of Wales as Hon. Col. of the 4th County of London (King's Colonials) Imperial Yeomanry, now being raised. The appointment of Lieut.-col. Willoughby Wallace, retired pay, late King's Royal Rifle Corps, to be Lieut.-col., is also gazetted. Lieut.-col. Willoughby Wallace states that the corps will have machine guns, ambulance, signallers, etc., and is to be composed of Colonials residing in or near London. The qualification for commissions and enrolment in the King's Colonials are as follows:—1. Subjects of the British Crown, who by birth, parentage, or residence have been or are connected with any British colony or dependency; 2. Those who have rendered special service to any British colony or dependency or to "The King's Colonials," at the discretion of the commanding officer. It is intended to divide the regiment in the following broad lines:—(a) British Asian Squadron. (b) British American Squadron (including West Indies). (c) British Australasian Squadron. (d) British African Squadron.

KILLED IN A TRENCH.

An inquest was held at Chatham, yesterday, at Geo. Earl, 64, a carpenter, whose body was discovered at the bottom of a trench, 40ft. deep, at one of the outlying forts. He had apparently climbed over the wrong fence in the darkness in taking a short cut home.—Verdict, accidental death.

SALE OF POISONS.

Early in the forthcoming session Parliament will receive a report from the Departmental Committee, which has been engaged for some time in considering the question of the sale of poisons by chemists. The principal object of the Committee's investigation has been to ascertain what, if any, alterations are necessary to be made in the Pharmacy Act of 1868. The important proposal put before them was to the effect that the existing law should be amended in such a manner that all chemists' shops shall in future be registered, and the persons in charge thereof be duly qualified chemists. It is understood that the Committee will make recommendations to the Government.

HAMPSTEAD ROLL OF HONOUR.

The Hampstead Borough Council has decided to permanently fix in a conspicuous place in the Town Hall a roll of honour containing the names of such inhabitants of Hampstead who have served in the Boer War, whether as Regulars, Reservists, or Volunteers. On inquiry, it is found that the records in the possession of the War Office, the Volunteers, and of other like authorities, are of a nature totally insufficient for the purpose, and Mr. P. Johnson, the town clerk, will be glad to hear from anyone interested who can give him information on the matter. All communications should be addressed to the Town Hall, Haverstock Hill, N.W.

LATEST CASUALTIES.

DEATHS FROM DISEASE.

Entire force where not otherwise stated:—3rd York Regt.: 603 Pte J. P. Jackson, 2nd Bn. 12th S.A.A. 21325 Corp Wag. 2nd Bn. 12th S.A.A. 21325 Corp Wag.

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2nd Light. Wounded, ETC.

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Jac. M. Flynn, slightly wounded. Jaggers, 2nd Bn. 12th S.A.A. 21325 Corp Wag.

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CIGARETTE PAPERS

BY JOSEPH HATTON.

Sunshine and Shadow.
Christmas is already in the air. "Annals," gaily illustrated, and hundreds of holiday volumes decorate the book-stalls. The King and Queen are throwing off the last outward tokens of mourning, and reviving the Royal interest in the stage. As Prince of Wales his Majesty did a great deal to keep not only "the sacred lamp of burlesque" burning, but the legitimate drama alive. His command of Mr. Seymour Hicks, and his wife, Miss Ellaline Terriss, and the Vaudeville Company and that admirable comedian Mr. Dan Leno to appear at Sandringham has given great satisfaction to players and playgoers. Mr. Seymour Hicks is the son of a major of the famous Black Watch, and Hicks is his real name. Major Hicks, of the 42nd Highlanders, was his father, and his mother's maiden name was Seymour. His wife, Ellaline, is the daughter of that brave, handsome, and delightful actor William Terriss, whose murderer, by one of those eccentricities of the law that is beyond comprehension, is kept alive in comparative luxury at the expense of the nation. God forbid that any of us should be devoid of that sentiment of mercy so beautifully extolled by Portia in her appeal to the Jew of Venice, but there never was a more deliberate or cruel murder than that of the popular actor while on his way to the stage of the Adelphi Theatre. This is a sad note to strike in connection with holiday entertainments; but it is well to remember the dead though we do not imitate the classic nations and introduce emblems of the grim monarch at our feasts. "Long Live the King and Queen!"

Turning from the shadow to the sunshine one is glad to know that all the hideous stories about the King's health are as false as the reports of the Leyde-Dutch-German-Bannerman-Stead & Co.'s attacks on the gallant army of the Empire fighting for its salvation. It is with infinite satisfaction that London has learned from the most reliable source that his Majesty is in the best of health, and that he and his sweet and gracious wife are once more about to lead the people into the brighter paths of the national life. I know several men who are accustomed to meet and converse with the King, and they all agree that in voice, appearance, and physical fitness his Majesty never seemed to be in better health. "Sorrow ends not when it seemeth done," but there is a duty to the living, and a duty to a people, and a righteous resignation to the Divine will and to the common lot of all that demands full observance; therefore, let me "open the windows to the outer world and let the sunshine in."

Dean Hole and the Church.

If the majority of our clergy were only a little like Dean Hole how much better it would be for the Church and the people! The Dean is still with us, and "Then and Now" might with advantage be published at a popular price and made a text-book for parsons and their flocks. From his college days to ordination, from ordination to promotion in the offices of the Establishment, Dean Hole was a man of the world, not an elected saint giving you to understand that he carried in his pocket a first-class ticket to Heaven while his sinful neighbours more or less doomed to be hustled into the other place. He preaches manliness, true friendship, the love of home, the reward of duty well performed, the healthfulness of sports and pastimes, the blessings of domesticity, the enjoyment of a glass of beer or wine in due season, and the making of the best of God's world, which is the surest way to happiness in the next. The Dean laments the want of force and vigour in modern preaching and sincerity in the rendering of the services of the Church. Not long since I had the misery of being a very deeply-committed member of a congregation in a chapel of one of our cemeteries and it will remain with me all my days the painful impression of the apathetic, unconvincing, prosaic recitation of the Burial Service by a clergyman of the Church of England.

Monotony in the Reading Desk.

I said as much as this one day to a clergyman, and he replied, "How can you expect anything more than a perfunctory reading when it has to be done so often, just as the regular service in the church has to be read over and over again, until the monotony of it must knock all sense of feeling out of a man?" "But, good lord," I replied, "what about actors?" What about, say, Sir Henry Irving? He goes on playing the same round of characters and dramatic stories year in and year out, and he never walks through the action; he is always alert, he does not do his work in a perfumery way; and, like him, you have always the stimulus of a fresh audience. The truth is, you have got into a monotonous, inglorious way. I sometimes think you cannot believe sufficiently in the tremendous message you have to deliver, or it could never grow stale." I don't know whether he was angry with me or not, but I hastened of course to explain that there are great and beautiful exceptions to this somewhat sweeping condemnation of the method of droning the beautiful service of the Church, which obtains in so many of our reading desks.

An American Criticism.
This complaint against the clergy is at least two hundred years old. "It is a very wonderful thing," Swift wrote in the old "Tatler," "that such a learned body as the clergy should not know how to read." Upon this text Dean Hole remarks, "The laity complain that the prayers are gabbled with a rapidity which it is impossible to follow, and which creates an impression that the conclusion of the service is the chief object of the reader," and hereby hangs an observation by an American father, "who," says the Dean, "having been present during one of these fatigues of garrulity, declared that if any son of his came to ask him a favour, and spoke as this minister spoke to his Father in heaven, he guessed he should have given him the stick."

A Good Story.

Certain orthodox church people are taking exception to the taste of some of Dean Hole's anecdotes in the new book which I quoted last week. Yet his stories are as human and honestly humorous as can be. Don't you envy the man who had the happiness of being entertained by Dean Ramsey?

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Questions requiring to be answered are the same words as those in THE PEOPLE, every Saturday morning. Valuable letters, either of general or of personal nature, may be forwarded to the editor, "People," or otherwise. The coupon below must be forwarded for each question with one copy for publication unless a non-de-plume is appended. Neither private addresses nor recommendations are given. No names or surnames are mentioned in the columns. Letters will be returned to senders if they are destroyed. Copyists will be asked to give full address. We do not undertake to return them, nor do we accept any responsibility for them. They may be sent to the People, and the address to be addressed to "Worshipful."

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MY STRANGEST CASE.

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

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PART III.

*The sun was slowly sinking behind the dense wall of jungle which hangs in, on the southern side, the frontier station of Nampoung. In the river below there is a Ford, which has a distinguished claim-on-fame, inasmuch as it is one of the gateways from Burma into Western China. This Ford is guarded continually by a company of Sikhs, under the command of an English officer. To be candid, it is not a post that is much sought after. Its dulness is extraordinary. True, one can fish there from morning until night, if one is so disposed; and if one has the good fortune to be a botanist, there is an inexhaustible field open for study. It is also true that Nampoung is only thirty miles or so, as the crow flies, from Bhamo, and when one has been in the wilds, and out of touch of civilization for months at a time, Bhamo is by no means a place to be despised. So thought Gregory, of the 23rd Burmese Regiment, as he threw his life into the pool below him.**"It's worse than a dog's life," he said to himself, as he looked at the Ford a hundred yards or so to his right, where, at the moment, his subaltern was engaged levying toll upon some Yunnan merchants who were carrying cotton on pack-mules into China. After that he glanced behind him at the little cluster of buildings on the hill, and groaned once more. "I wonder what they are doing in England," he continued.**"Trout-fishing has just begun, and I can imagine the dear old Governor at the Long Pool, rod in hand. The girls will stroll down in the afternoon to find out what sport he has had, and they'll walk home across the Park with him, while the Mater will probably meet them half-way. And here am I in this God-forsaken hole with nothing to do but to keep an eye on that Ford there. Bhamo is better than this, Mandalay is better than Bhamo, and Rangoon is better than either. Chivvying daks is paradise compared with this sort of thing. Anyhow, I'm tired of fishing."**He began to take his rod to pieces preparatory to returning to his quarters on the hill. He had just unshipped the last joint, when he became aware that one of his men was approaching him. He inquired his business, and was informed in return that Dempsey, his sub, would be glad to see him at the Ford. Handing his rod to the man he set off in the direction of the crossing in question, to become aware, as he approached it, of a die-reputable figure propped up against a tree on the nearer bank.**"At last I am safe," he muttered to himself, "but it was a close shave—a very close shave. I wouldn't do that journey again for all the money the stones are worth. No! not for twice the amount."**Once more the recollection of all his sufferings rose so vividly before him that he could not suppress a shudder. Then he arranged the mosquito-curtains of his bed, and laid himself down upon it. It was not long before he was fast asleep.**Before he went to his own quarters Gregory looked in upon the stranger to find him sleeping heavily, one arm thrown above his head.**"Well, that's more than I can say," the other replied. "He's evidently a white man, and I fancy an Englishman. At home we should call him a scroop. He turned up from across the Ford just now, and tumbled down in the middle of the stream like a shot rabbit. Never saw such a thing before. He's not a pretty sight, is he?"**"Poor devil," said Gregory. "He seems to be on his last legs. I wonder who the deuce he is, and what brought him into this condition."**"I've searched, and there's nothing about to tell me," said Dempsey. "What do you think we had better do with him?"**"Get him up the hill," said his superior, without hesitation. "When he's a bit stronger we'll have his story out. I'll bet a few years' pay it will be interesting."**A file of men were called, and the mysterious stranger was carried up to the residence of the English officers. It was plain to the least observant that he was in a very serious condition, such clothes as he possessed were in rags, his face was pinched with starvation, and moreover he was quite unconscious. When his bearers, accompanied by the two Englishmen, reached the cluster of huts, he was carried to a small room at the end of the officers' bungalow and placed upon the bed. After a little brandy had been administered, he recovered consciousness and looked about him, throwing a sigh of relief, he inquired where he might be.**"You are at Nampoung," said Gregory, "and you ought to thank your stars that you are not in King-Come. If ever a man was near it, you have been. We won't ask you for your story now; however, later on, you shall buck to your heart's content. Now I am going to give you something to eat. You look as if you could eat it badly enough."**Gregory looked at Dempsey and made a sign, whereupon the other withdrew, to presently return carrying a bowl of soup. The stranger drank it ravenously, and then lay back and closed his eyes once more. He would have been a clever man who could have recognised in the emaciated being upon the bed, the spruce, well-cared-for individual who was known to the Hotel of the Three Desires in Singapore as Gideon Hayle.**"You'd better rest a while now," said Gregory, "and then perhaps we'll feel equal to joining us at meal, whatever you like to call it."**"Thanks very much," the man replied, with the conventional utterance of an English gentleman, which was not lost upon his audience. "I hope I shall feel up to it."**"Whoever the fellow is," said Gregory, "as they passed along the Strand a few minutes later, "he has evidently seen better days. Poor fellow. I wonder where he's been, and what he has been up to!"**"We shall soon find out," Dempsey answered. "All he said when he pulled him out of the water was 'lost,' and then he fainted clean away. I am not more curious than my neighbours, but I don't mind admitting that I am anxious to hear what he has to say for himself. Talk about Rip Van Winkle, why, he is not in it with this fellow. He could give him points and beat him hollow."**An hour later the wanderer reached Bhamo, that important military post on the sluggish Irrawaddy. His appearance, thanks to Gregory and Dempsey's kind offices, was now sufficiently conventional to attract little notice, as he negotiated his way through the crowd, his face was pinched with starvation, and moreover he was quite unconscious.**When the Shweydagon was lost in the evening mist, and the steamer had made her way slowly down the sluggish stream with the rice-fields on either side, Hayle went astir and took his last look at the land to which he was saying good-bye.**"A quarter of a million if a half-penny," he said, "and as soon as they are sold and the money is in my hands, I shall be seen better days. Poor fellow. I wonder where he's been, and what he has been up to!"**"We shall soon find out," Dempsey answered. "All he said when he pulled him out of the water was 'lost,' and then he fainted clean away. I am not more curious than my neighbours, but I don't mind admitting that I am anxious to hear what he has to say for himself. Talk about Rip Van Winkle, why, he is not in it with this fellow. He could give him points and beat him hollow."**Two months had elapsed since the mysterious traveller from China had left the lonely frontier station of Nampoung. In outward appearance it was not more curious than my neighbours, but I don't mind admitting that I am anxious to hear what he has to say for himself. Talk about Rip Van Winkle, why, he is not in it with this fellow. He could give him points and beat him hollow."**An hour later the stranger was as recovered as to be able to join his hosts at their evening meal. Between them they had managed to fit him out with a somewhat composite set of garments. He had shaved off his beard, had reduced his hair to something like order, and in consequence had now the**outward resemblance at least of a gentleman.**"Come, that's better," said Gregory as he welcomed him. "I don't know what your usual self may be like, but you certainly have more the appearance of a man, and less that of a skeleton than when we first brought you in. You must have been pretty hard put to it out yonder."**The recollection of all he had been through was so vivid, that the man shuddered at the mere thought of it.**"I wouldn't go through it again for worlds," he said. "You don't know what I've endured."**"Trading over the border alone?" Gregory inquired.**The man shook his head.**"Tried to walk across from Pekin," he said, "via Szechuan and Yunnan. Nearly died of dysentery in Yunnan city. While I was there my servants deserted me, taking with them every halfpenny I possessed. Being suspected by the Mandarins, I was thrown into prison, managed eventually to escape, and so made my way on here. I thought to-day was going to prove my last."**"You have had a hard time of it, by Jove," said Dempsey; "but you've managed to come out of it alive. And now where are you going?"**"I want, if possible, to get to Rangoon," the other replied. "There I shall ship for England as best I can. I've had enough of China to last me a lifetime."**From that moment the stranger did not refer again to his journey. He was singularly reticent upon this point, and feeling that perhaps the recollection of all he had suffered might be painful to him, the two men did not press him to talk.**"He's a strange sort of fellow," said Gregory to Dempsey, later in the evening, when the other had retired to rest.**"If he has walked from Pekin here, as he says, he's more than a little modest about it. I'll be bound his is a funny story if only he would consent to tell it."**They would have been more certain than ever of this fact had they been able to see their guest at that particular moment. In the solitude of his own room he had removed a broad leather belt from round his waist. From the pocket of this belt he shook out upwards of a hundred rubies and sapphires of extraordinary size. He counted them carefully, replaced them in the belt, and then once more secured the latter about his waist.**"What is it?" the other inquired.**"That's what they told me," said Grantham. "Since then I have heard that he was on his way from Pekin to Bhamo, and that his coolies had robbed him of all he possessed."**"You don't happen to remember his name, I suppose?"**The blind man tried to ask the question again, but his voice failed him.**"As far as I remember his name was George Bertram," Grantham answered.**There was a pause for a few seconds, after which the blind man began again—**"He didn't tell you, I suppose, whether he had any money about him?"**"He hadn't a red cent," said Grantham. "The Chinese cleared him out. They lent him the money to get to Rangoon. I happen to know that because he cashed my friend's cheque in Bhamo."**There was another and somewhat longer pause.**You did not hear whether he had any precious stones in his possession?"**"Good gracious, no!" From what they told me I gathered that the man hadn't a halfpenny in the world. Why should he have been likely to have had jewels? In point of fact I'm sure he hadn't, for I was given to understand he was about as wretched as any particular mark upon either of his wrists?"**Gregory replied that he had not noticed anything extraordinary, and Dempsey was by no means so forgetful.**"Of course he had," he answered.**"I remember noticing it for the first time when I pulled him out of the Ford, and afterwards when he was in bed. An inch or so above his left wrist he had a tattooed snake swallowing its own tail. It was done in blue and red ink, and was as nice a piece of work as ever I have seen."**"That's so, my little man," said Kitwater, nodding his head approvingly.**"Good heavens!" Kitwater exclaimed, "what a story! I wonder where the beggar hairs from?" Then addressing the man, he continued, "Are you an Englishman, or what are you?"**The man replied, "He placed his finger on his lips, and turning, pointed in the direction he had come.**"Good heavens," he said to himself, "what a figure! I wonder where the beggar hairs from?" Then addressing the man, he continued, "Are you an Englishman, or what are you?"**The man replied, "He placed his finger on his lips, and turning, pointed in the direction he had come.**"Good heavens," he said to himself, "what a figure! I wonder where the beggar hairs from?" 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OUR OMNIBUS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

The alleged ill-treatment of Queen Wilhelmina by her Consort, Prince Henry, has been a subject of gossip and comment in the continental press for some time past. It was only when London received a circumstantial and more or less authoritative statement of the public insult offered by Prince Henry to his wife (who is admired and respected by Great Britain almost as much as among her subjects) that we gave currency to the report, supplied by that most reliable agency, Reuter. The story is now contradicted by the Dutch Court Chamberlain, and with such an explosion of emotional indignation that one is tempted to remind that illustrious functionary, and the Dutch nation generally, that if Reuter's report is not correct it is not a thousandth part as injurious as the libels that have been perpetrated against Great Britain over the Boer War. We have drawn our information of the court life of Holland from Holland and Germany. They may repeat upon us that they have taken many of their anti-British stories from pro-Boer Britishers in England; but they have supplemented them with infamies of their own. Now, "while two blacks don't make a white," their blacks against us are "not in single spurs but in whole battalions" as against one of our side, this one being a protest of heartfelt sympathy with their Queen and country. And what is more the moment we receive their contradiction we publish it; they have had our contradictions of their innumerable libels, and have continued repeating them with shameful additions. But truth will out in the end. Sometimes one has to wait a long time for it. We are a patient people, and "we bide our time."

President Roosevelt advocates the creation of a new department of the American Government with a Cabinet Secretaryship of Trade and Commerce. Already very constant and practical assistance is given to American business men abroad by U.S. Consuls. Our Consuls have to content themselves with official reports. It is well worth the serious consideration of the Government whether we should not instruct our Consuls to help the commercial traveller abroad with useful advice, as to the development of British trade within his district, on the American plan. Besides this, a business-like and experienced Minister of Commerce could not fail to be of the greatest service, not necessarily as superseding the Board of Trade, but by way of putting life and "go" into it.

Great Britain at present is the dumping-ground of pauper aliens, and London the home of the foreign master. This will have to be altered. America has long since excluded the undesirable foreigner. President Roosevelt is of opinion that further restrictions should be imposed. He would set up moral and intelligent test of capacity to understand American institutions.

While our cousins are about it, would it not be best to themselves and to a friendly State if they made American citizenship a real and responsible duty to the interests of the country by forbidding Irish agitators, while enjoying the freedom of American institutions, from wasting time and energy and outraging international amity with treasonable meetings against the State they have forsaken?

I have received several letters from Germans apropos of a note in this column, protesting against the ignorance and malice of certain of their countrymen and Press being regarded as general. "Your suggestion," says one, "that Germans employed in England and enjoying the freedom and liberty of the Empire should combine in a repudiation of German libels is excellent. I wish it could be carried out." Herr Ludwig Schneider (corporal in the German Army), of Twyford, Berks, writes:

I must say our brothers in Germany have not studied us in England very much. Every German I know that he has put up with some insults from the English, and over Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Edinburgh. As a German myself I must confess, after reading the speech carefully, that I could not find a single article to put my country in such a state against Mr. Chamberlain. I am sorry to say I did not consider regard Mr. Chamberlain as the Bismarck of England, who is looking after the welfare of his country, and cares nothing for anybody else. I am certain that every German of education can do nothing but praise England for her humane practice of justice.

A friend on the Rhine says "the Chamberlain breeze is blowing now, and some of us feel we have been made tools of." "Cycling" from Coblenz writes "one of the South African features is large orders for wine from Cape Town; our Press seems to have misrepresented Chamberlain."

A curious illustration of "wildification" of South African news and a notable commentary on the above is the following from "The Globe" of Tuesday:

Our foreign correspondent to an English paper has the following quotation from a German news bulletins:

DE WET RECAPTURES PRETORIA. KITCHENER KILLED.

ENGLISH LOSSES, 600, INCLUDING EIGHT GENERALS.

BOER LOSSES, 200.

But this information can scarcely greatly excite the public, who are yet under the impression that 10,000 and 3,000 soldiers are in the hands of the Boers. It is a sober fact that this statement is yet uncontradicted in the German papers.

PIPER PAN.

In a fortnight's time the autumn musical season will be over. It has been an unusually busy one, the number of concerts largely, and unfortunately for many performers, exceeding the demand. This, of course, refers to mediocre entertainments given by almost unknown artists, who, however, persistently keep up the extravagant price of seats, with the result of empty benches and plenty of deadheads; whereas, no doubt, moderate charges would induce a certain class of amateur, who cannot afford the best concerts, to attend lower-class performances.

Remarkably good patronage has been bestowed upon really attractive concerts during the past two months, and one feature of the autumn season has been the revival of chamber music performances by quartet parties specially formed after a long-established German fashion. Another pleasant feature has been the un-

usually large number of new musical aspirants to fame. Many of these young artists are of high promise. They came from all parts of the world, some of the most successful hailing from the colonies.

Herr Kocian, the violinist who has made such a sensation abroad, is in London, and was to make his private debut on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the house of Mrs. Ronalds, the well-known musical amateur and patroness. On Monday he will make his public appearance at a recital in St. James's Hall. Herr Kocian is only eighteen years old, and was a fellow-pupil of Kubelik at the Prague Conservatoire, where they both studied with the famous violin professor, Sevcik. So far, very little is known of the young artist's parentage and surroundings, but particulars will, without doubt, soon be current.

The visit of Mr. Sousa and his band to Sandringham is one of the happy acts of the King which is sure to find favour with our American cousins. Queen Alexandra's desire to hear the favourite hymn of the late President, and the fact that the programme throughout (with the exception of one national anthem) was devoted to American music, will also be appreciated. Mr. Sousa appears to have greatly enjoyed his visit to his Majesty's Norfolk home, and both he and all his party were much gratified at the reception accorded them.

It is not generally known that the late Mr. Arthur Lewis was considered by Sir Arthur Sullivan as the unconscious originator of the Savoy series of operas. When Mr. Lewis was a bachelor many old Bohemians, musical, literary, and dramatic, used to meet under his hospitable roof. It was for a supper party there that Sir Arthur composed the music of "Cox and Box," being persuaded by Mr. Burnand, who wrote the play. Part songs too were frequently sung at the merry entertainments, at which the guests were always men. Ultimately the famous Gilbert-Sullivan collaboration and many years run of luck at the Savoy resulted.

At the coming model performance of "Götterdämmerung" in Paris, Miss Rosa Olitaka, of Covent Garden Opera fame, will appear as the Norn and Waltrante. Miss Olitaka will also sing Brangane in "Tristan."

OLD IZAAK.

Rain is still required to put the Thames, Lee, and other rivers in order, and until a thorough downpour happens little sport is likely. The official reports of the Thames Angling Preservation Society show the pike to be feeding well in the Chertsey district, and a few roach in places where the stream favours, and also in the tide-way. Pike and perch are on the move in the upper stretches of the river, and some good fish have been landed.

From Henley I hear that Mr. G. Arlett, the well-known fisherman there, has just made a record take of pike, five of his patrons during six separate days' fishing landing 20lb. of fish. Of this quantity 93lb. fell to the rod of Mr. G. Clements, whose two best fish, taken on the same day, scaled 13lb. each.

Lee anglers have fared better of late, and pike and perch are reported from Bromborough, the Rye House, and St. Margaret's. The river is badly in want of a scouring, but, at the best, under existing conditions, anything like the sport of former days cannot be expected.

A singular, but by no means new, experience is related from the Midlands. Two anglers were trying for pike, one using a dead gudgeon, and the other spinning with a dace. The gudgeon was first taken. During the gorging interval, while the angler's rod was idle, the spinning bait was the subject of attack. The angler struck, and the fish when landed was found to have taken both baits. A notable and somewhat similar instance happened in 1875, when Messrs. Rolfe and Sachs, fishing from the same boat, found themselves tugging at the same fish, 23lb. in weight. It was jointly landed, and named the "Union Jack."

I lately recorded the capture of a 20lb. pike by a Southampton angler, and excellent sea fishing is now reported from the town. Mr. F. Head, of the Royal Hotel, Above Bar, last week, had a fine catch of congers from a boat off Netley, his largest fish, of 5ft. extreme length, weighing 20lb., and this not the biggest of the season. Whiting and other fish are to be caught there in plenty during the season, and good fresh water fishing is to be had at no great distance.

A meeting is to be held to-morrow (Monday) evening at the Victoria Hotel, Alexandra-st., Southend-on-Sea, to which all anglers are invited, for the purpose of forming a local pictorial society. Southend is within easy distance of London; the fishing there at times is very good, and the proposed society, when established, ought to have a prosperous career before it.

River preservation is in the ascendant. A smoky concert, organised by the Friendship Angling Society, takes place on Monday evening (Dec. 9) at the White Bear, Bartholomew-sq., St. Luke's, over which Mr. W. H. Elsmore presides, when a collection on behalf of the Central Association restocking fund will be made. An enjoyable evening is assured. The Collingwood Anglers meet at the same time at the Lord Nelson, Nelson-sq., Blackfriars, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Wheathouse, and it goes without saying that an excellent entertainment will, in both cases, be provided. The Collingwood open their Thames Angling Preservation Box on the occasion.

Mr. C. A. Medcalf presided over a well-attended meeting of the Central Association on Monday last, when several new railway concessions were announced, and the Maidenhead fishery case came under notice. Mr. Lawrence Chubb gave an interesting historical account of the Thames fisheries, the association having previously decided to withdraw wholly from the Andrews' Defence Fund committee. The association has for years past advocated a measure such as is now proposed to secure the freedom of the river to anglers, and compensate in proved cases, fishery owners for any loss sustained.

If the proposed bill is to be successfully carried through, it must be en-

tiely on non-political lines, and have the support of all parties. Mr. H. L. W. Lawson, C.C. (who is in sympathy with its objects), rightly points out the difficulties attending it, and in which more London anglers are concerned. Under the auspices of the Thames League, a conference is to be held, and at which the Central Association will be well represented, to discuss the terms of the proposed measure, and arrive at a common understanding as to what is to be done. The time has gone by for the exclusion of anglers from the river bank, and we may hope some satisfactory settlement of these ever-recurring disputes will now be mutually arrived at.

The Society of the Greenwich Angling Society, held at the Mitre Hotel, London-st., Greenwich, to which the United Brothers, as losers in the recent match, were invited, proved a most enjoyable affair. Mr. T. Church presided. Mr. W. Drage (United Brothers) occupying the vice-chair. The Mackrell Shield was handed over to the Greenwich society until finally fished for, early in the coming year. Mr. Canton, the successful Greenwich angler, scored with three perch, scaling 3lb. 1oz. together. The supper was excellent, a good musical programme followed, and Mr. Secretary Dryden made everybody happy.

South London anglers foregathered in strength at the Duchess of Kent Angling Society's social, held at the Duchess of Kent, Devereux-st., S.E., on Tuesday last, and over which Mr. G. Hanson ably presided. The collection for the South London fund was well responded to, and the next visit to the New Grange Angling Society (the first they have received) will no doubt prove equally successful.

WILL WORKMAN.

One of the most important measures to be introduced by the Government next session will be an Education Bill, and I hope and trust it will be a Bill with a "back bone" to it, not a measure drawn up to please this or that section of cranks and faddists, or to silence the preachers of that and the other political gospel, and above all I trust that as a matter of common honesty and justice it will give fair play to the voluntary schools.

I say honesty and justice, because it is neither the one or the other to make a man pay for a thing he does not receive, and that is what is done at present in the case of the parent whose religious convictions lead him to send his child to a voluntary school. Previous to the passing of the so-called Free Education Act (1891) the child started out on a Monday morning with the school money in its hand, and no matter what school it went to, Church of England, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, or whatever it might be, that school got the money; but now if the child attends a voluntary school, the child goes one way and the money another. I call it robbery pure and simple.

Years ago when Church rates were compulsory, dissenters used to say it was unjust, and so it was, to make a man pay towards the support of a church he did not attend, and it is quite as unjust to make a man pay a rate towards the support of a school his child does not attend. But, says Mr. Lewis, it would not be the first instance of a pictorial artist becoming a histrionic one. Mr. Bernard Patrix, of "Punch," has often acted under the name of "Bernard Gould." Anyway, the Princess's cast will compare more than favourably with the original at the Prince of Wales's, of which I remember only Miss Olga Brandon.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Among the exhibits at the Zoological Society's meeting on Tuesday last was a fine specimen of the grey mullet captured in the North Sea. It turned the scale at 12lbs., and measured 2ft. 7in. in length, and 18in. in girth at the thickest part of its body. It was brought from Mr. Burkett's fish shop in the Brompton-road, and was one of at least a dozen, all of exceptional size. The largest of them being 2bs. heavier and about 3in. longer than the one exhibited.

The latter specimen, although not a "record" fish, comes very near to being so, as, so far as I am aware, the largest grey mullet ever recorded weighed only 1lb. more. This fish was taken some years ago in Ireland, where the grey mullet is particularly plentiful. Longer specimens of the fish have, however, been captured, measuring over 3ft., but they have been considerably less in weight than the two mentioned above. The mouth of this large fish is quite small and not furnished with teeth.

At the same meeting of the Society of Friends was made to the herd of Prejvalsky's wild horse which had lately been captured in Central Asia by the agents of the well-known dealer, Mr. Carl Hagenbeck, of Hamburg, and brought by him to Germany. A dozen specimens had already been received by the Duke of Bedford at Woburn Abbey, and a pair was soon expected at the Zoo.

It was stated that over 2,000 people had been engaged in the capture of the herd, which originally consisted of 70 individuals. This animal had been previously known by only a few stuffed specimens in the St. Petersburg and Paris Museums, which had been obtained by Gen. Prejvalsky, after whom it is named. It is of small size and more resembles our domestic horse than any of the other wild species.

I am gratified to learn that other eggs of birds which are enjoying a close-time, or, at any rate, are supposed to be, have not been allowed to change hands in front of Messrs. Stevens' rostrum at Covent Garden, whether they had been sent for disposal. Through the exertions of the Society for the Protection of Birds, the question of taking eggs and killing birds out of season is being vigorously put before the public, and the society is endeavouring to do what the county authorities have evidently failed to do, viz., to make generally known the laws regulating the taking and sale of protected birds and their eggs. It is a comparatively easy matter to stop the sale at public auctions of such specimens, but to prevent the dealers from buying and retailing them is quite another story, and legislation on this point is urgently needed. An excellent article on this subject, with which I am in full agreement, appeared in "The Standard" on Tuesday last.

I am obliged to a correspondent of Binsted, Arundel, for the following note:—Last September my daughter arrived in London from Durban bringing with her two small chameleons which she had caught in her garden at Durban. One of these she brought home here, where yesterday morning it gave birth to a family of eleven little ones, all of which, with the exception of one, are alive, and doing well. Thinking that this may be an uncommon occurrence, I send it to you on the chance of its being interesting to your readers.

THE ACTOR.

It is so common a thing in the theatrical profession for an actor to be known to the public by a name which was not given to him at baptism that it does not surprise me to learn that Mr. E. B. Norman, the well-known player and producer of plays, is a son of the son of the Governor Exte, who died a few days ago—a man who at one time was one of the most fiercely-criticised and eloquently defended of British subjects. Mr. Norman will have the sympathy of all who know him in the bereavement he has sustained.

I may claim Mr. Dan Leno as an actor by virtue of his numerous appearances in pantomime at the Lane,

primarily, however, he is a "star" of the "halls," and it was as such, I take it, that he made his bow at Sandringham. It was no singer and impersonator that he figured there and then. To my mind, he is the drollest performer on the variety boards. His "patter," I believe, is always his own, whatever his song may be; and it is always abundantly amusing. Mr. Leno has a very firm hold on fact and human nature, and his realism is of the kind that absolutely compels one's laughter.

It is pleasant to note that Miss Decima Moore will be in the cast of "The Princess and the Swineherd" at the Royal. As a matter of fact, she will play the Swineherd. It is now some time since she appeared at all prominently on the London boards, though whenever seen and heard she is always very acceptable. She differs from many of her sister vocalists in being an exceptionally good actress. Indeed, she has, if I remember rightly, played roles in which no singing was required, thus setting an example which has lately been followed by Miss Marie Tempest and Miss Florence St. John.

I made note the other day of the expressed desire of Miss Margaret Fraser, then in the cast of "San Toy," to have more opportunities of showing her powers as a dancer. It was a very natural desire, for it is to dancing that Miss Fraser devotes herself, and, moreover, she is very graceful at the work. I am glad, therefore, to hear that she is engaged for "Bluebell in Fairyland" at the Vandeville, where she will take part in the introduced ballet of "Who Killed Cock Robin?" There is room and to spare for danseuses who have both skill and grace, and are something much more than "step-dancers" and "high-kickers."

Mr. Lewis Waller, it would seem, has elected to crop temporarily out of the list of the actor-managers. He is going to return for a time to the role of "leading man." We are told that he will occupy that place in "Mlle. Mars," when Mrs. Langtry produces that play at the Imperial, and that he will, in all probability, follow this up by playing the title part in a drama called "Monsieur Beauchaine," which Mr. Richard Mansfield has been lately seen in America. The latter, role sounds promising. "Beauchaine" is, I believe, a costume piece—the sort of piece in which Mr. Waller looks his best, and, some think, acts his best.

Miss Lena Burnleigh evidently believes in doing things well. When she takes Mr. Van Biene and "The Broken Melody" to the Princess's in January, the cast will include Mr. William Mollasson, Mr. Arthur Williams, and Mr. Phil May (the caricaturist). This, by the way, will not be the first instance of a pictorial artist becoming a histrionic one. Mr. Bernard Patrix, of "Punch," has often acted under the name of "Bernard Gould." Anyway, the Princess's cast will compare more than favourably with the original at the Prince of Wales's, of which I remember only Miss Olga Brandon.

Brown serge makes up charmingly, and looks well with a Russian blouse, a three-quarter Cossack, or a small, smart coatee, and a wide sash. The people's love of the world-wide journey lingers yet. To give you loyal greeting, now that you have ceased to roam, And bid you from the Empire's heart a fervent welcome home.

God save the King! God save the Queen! Let every tongue repeat

As Prince and Princess pass to-day along

The crowded street,

And may God defend the Empire, our Britain staunch and true,

And St. George be still our patron saint,

Who once the dragon slew!

MADON ST. MAUR.

We tear out the wardrobe and look regretfully at the slenderies of our purse—for Christmas is the most expensive time in the year. Let us not despair, however, for the art of renovating has been made possible to all, and the present fashions, despite their extravagance, are very accommodating in this wise just now.

A black silk skirt, however shabby, is a treasure. It can be sponged with ammonia and water or a new cleansing fluid, which gives us new dresses for old ones. By adding a bounce, short in front and long behind, we have a most presentable trained skirt, which, however, it behoves us to cover with an over-dress of black spotted lace. This spider makes beautifully fine webs, and when disturbed drops suddenly to the ground and feigns death. In the cold weather it covers itself with a woolen-blue substance made of its web and conceals itself in holes in the ground or crevices of walls.

MR. WHEELER.

Now that the two cycle shows are over we can look back on them and calmly reflect upon the lessons they have taught us. I think the chief one is that the bicycle of the future will be of much better quality both in design and material than has been the case during the last few years. The rage for excessive cheapness seems to be dying out, and it is just as well that it should be so, because a few pounds extra on the cost of a machine money very well laid out. A cheap machine by liberal expenditure of enamel and nickel can be made to look almost as well as a high-priced one, but the wearing qualities and easier propulsion of the higher grade articles are worth all the extra money. Care, however, should be taken to purchase these better class mounts from good firms who, for their reputation's sake, take care to put extra value into their manufacture.

A friend of mine has just finished

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A PRISONER FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS!

An interesting event has just been reported by a London court reporter. For 17 years Mrs. Elizabeth McNaughton, of 40, Price Street, Birkdale, has been a martyr to a disease which caused her to be practically cut off from the outside world. Pronounced incurable, this poor victim of humanity abandoned all hope, and resigned herself to the worst. But a kindly friend smiled at last upon her and brought Chas. D. Bee Beams for Biliomines to her notice, and treated her, with the result that after six months' operations unknown to us now, Mrs. McNaughton was perfectly cured, and is daily receiving the congratulations of a disabused neighbourhood.

This is the wonderful story as detailed by her to a "Courier" reporter:—

"I had enjoyed as good health as anyone could desire until about seventeen years ago, when after ascending upon a neighbour's little girl who was down with scrofula fever I contracted the disease myself. In a matter of seven weeks I recovered, and then for a long time I was well again, and during the next two years I was in full possession of my health. But then I had a relapse, and I could hardly see. After the month's suffering I saw a doctor, but he did not effect any good. I then lost my appetite, and nothing I ate seemed to make my head worse."

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JACK ALLROUND.

CLEANSING COPPER VESSELS, AND A POLISHING PASTE FOR BRASS AND COPPER.—The vessels must be cleansed differently from the ornamental brass or copper work. For the vessels take soft soap and rotten-stone in about equal quantity, and make the mixture into a stiff paste with water, dissolving the whole together by gently simmering in a hot-water bath. Apply the mixture with a woollen rag, then polish with a mixture of dry whiting and rotten-stone, finishing off with a piece of leather either with or without dry whiting. A very useful paste for slightly tarnished brass or copper may be made up with one ounce of oxalic acid to six ounces of rotten-stone, and one ounce of gum arabic, all of which must be finely powdered and passed through a piece of muslin; then add one ounce of sweet oil, and just enough water to form a paste. Only apply a small portion of the paste to the article to be cleaned, and at once rub it dry with a flannel or soft wash-leather.

To CURSE SPRATS WITH OIL, AS SARDINES.—You should select the smaller sprats for this purpose; the larger fish are not suited for it, and they can be utilised by being dried and smoked. Wash the larger sprats well with salt and water, sprinkling them liberally with salt during the process. Then remove the heads, gills, etc., and wash them again in salted water. After that spread them out on sieves or gratings to drain, and dry a little in the sun and wind; or if, as so often is the case in this country, sunny days are not to be had while the sprats are in, substitute a current of dry air as well as you can. This is done in many curing houses. For the next operation, have some boiling olive oil, into which, while it is actually boiling, the fish must be plunged for from one to two minutes. They should be let down in gratings or contrivances made for the purpose, so that every fish gets its fair share of the plunge into the boiling oil. Let them then drain again, and next proceed to pack them closely in tins, such as the sardine tins, and at once have them quickly and carefully soldered down, and submitted for a short time to the action of steam or water just on the boil. This finishes the curing.

POLISHING SHELLS.—Ordinary marine shells are first cleaned by rubbing them with a rag dipped in common hydrochloric acid or spirits of salts (you must be very careful of your hands and fingers, for the acid is strong). The rubbing should be continued till you succeed in removing all the dull outer skin; then wash the shells in warm water, and dry them in hot sand. A good many sea shells have no naturally polished surface, and to give them a polish they must be rubbed with fine tripoli powder and turpentine, using for rubber a soft piece of wash-leather. When by this means you get the surface nicely smoothed, further smooth it by using fine tripoli powder alone, and after that rub with a fresh soft rubber and a little olive oil, finally finishing off with clean soft chamois to rub up the gloss.

RICK CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING.—In reply to several correspondents, I cannot give to each the exact sized pudding asked for. The mixture I give is sufficient for three good-sized puddings, and those who wish for other sizes can reduce the quantity of each ingredient to one half or one quarter the amount given, which is intended for a very large family party. Two pounds of muscatal raisins, not to be weighed till after they are stoned, were artfully harmonised with the delicate green of the seductive cucumber, failing the price to buy a plate, would rest himself on the apex of his nose against the shop window, and gaze with wistful eyes on the attractive combination of colour, till after some hours the shopman in sheer desperation would crush out with either a vinegar bottle or an oyster opener in his hand, and murderous thoughts in his brain. Then Ben thought it time to move, and it was just as well he did.

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THE HALFPENNY BANK SCARE.

I met our old friend Gosport the commencement of this week. As perhaps you know by now he is somewhat of a diffused orator on the where's and therefore's of the questions and reports as set forth in our mere pretentious news sheets.

TALKING about bank robberies, bank scares, and the holding up of banks," said Gosport, "puts me in mind of the story of a man that my brother used to employ, and who runs a general grocery stores. I never knew the

place. First of all, a voice trilled forth, 'A little goldfish in a glass bowl swam outside the door, and then a tremendous fish flew between Mrs. Ninna and my brother. His face fell when he saw it. It was a salmon. Then another longish object came flying over the head of Mrs. Ninna. It was a particularly fine cucumber.

The good lady had just smilingly asked if my brother had taken in a stock of fish and animated cucumbers when Ben staggered into the shop, and with legs wide apart and arms behind his back addressed her as follows:

"Madame, have you ever felt the want of salmon or cucumber?" "No."

"Have you ever felt the bitterness of having the vinegar without the salmon and cucumber?" "No."

"Well, madame, this morning I heard a rumour my bank was broke. I arrived on the scene and, thank the Fates, saved the small fortune I had amassed of 19 pounds six shillings and three-pence halfpenny. I then thought of the fallacy of banks. I would expend my money. There was some satisfaction in that. Not while that 19 pounds six shillings and three-pence halfpenny lasted should I or my friends go without salmon or cucumber."

"Madame I have great pleasure" and before Mrs. Ninna could recover from her astonishment, Ben had withdrawn from down the back of his coat another salmon and a broadbuckingham cucumber, and placed it in her arms, which were covered with a 40-guinea slate coat. The lady gave one scream, and fainted under the paroxysm of Ben. There was a furious scene, in which Ben, salmon, cucumber, and grocery, all took part.

The next morning the magistrate, with three battered-looking salmon on the clerk's table, read a little homily to Ben on the effects of the potent bowl. Ben said it was the salmon and cucumber.

The magistrate said he had heard that story before, and ten minutes later Ben stood minus the last two pounds of his fortune, and with a sad face and 3d. in his pocket, faced the world completely cured of his taste for salmon and cucumber."

CHRIS.

THE KING'S OLDEST GAMEKEEPER.

At the age of 22, Donald Stewart, who is now 75 years of age, was appointed second gamekeeper at Balmoral. He has been continuously in the Royal service for 53 years, and is now the only male servant in the Royal employment who has welcomed the then young Prince of Wales on his first visit to Balmoral Castle. Since 1874 Stewart has held the position of head gamekeeper at Balmoral.

He was a great favourite with the present King.

With the late Majesty he was a great favourite, as he is with the present King.

In 1893, when he had completed half a century in the Royal service, Stewart was graciously presented by the late Queen Victoria with a handsome eight-day clock, which bore the following inscription:—

"To Donald Stewart, head gamekeeper at Balmoral, in remembrance of his faithful services for 50 years to the Queen and Prince Consort.—V.R.I., Sept. 8, 1893."

The members of the late Queen's household also presented him with a very fine silver salver bearing a similar inscription. This venerable gamekeeper is still wonderfully active, enjoys good health, and attends vigorously to his duties.

At the recent reception of the King by the Balmoral Highlanders a very pleasing incident occurred.

Stewart, who was attired in the Highland costume, was commanded by His Majesty to come up to the Royal carriage, whereupon his Majesty, after making some kind inquiries, desired his trusted gamekeeper to walk alongside the carriage, which Stewart did from the entrance gate to the door of the castle.

Stewart, who is by far the oldest gamekeeper at Balmoral, invariably accompanies the King while shooting at the Balmoral preserves.

COUPON COMPETITIONS.

Donald Mackenzie, proprietor of "Football Chat," charged at Bow-st., yesterday, on six adjourned summonses under the Betting House Act, charging him with keeping an office in Bedford-st., W.C., for the purpose of receiving money on events and contingencies relating to football matches, and with causing advertisements to be published to the effect that certain persons would, on application give information with regard to certain bets and wagers.—The paper in question offered prizes for a forecast of the result of football matches, and issued a coupon which competitors were required to fill up and forward with a small fee to an address in Holland. Advertisements were also issued by tipsters who supplied, for a fee, a list of probable results.—Mr. H. Avery supported the summonses on behalf of the Anti-Gambling League; and Mr. Mathews defended.—Formal evidence of the publication was given on the previous occasion, and, after hearing the arguments of counsel on both sides at considerable length, Mr. Marshall said he should reserve his decision.—An intimation was given that whatever the judgment might be, it would be subject to appeal.

GEM. BULLER.

Gen. Sir Redvers Buller has re-

turned to Downes, Crediton, after a short visit to Lord and Lady Portmouth at Harsthorne Park. The bells of the parish church rang peals during the day in honour of the general's 62nd birthday. Lady Audrey Buller was also

present.

"I feel now as though I don't know my own strength, and am as well and hearty as I was when I was a girl of fourteen. Well, that," pointing to a huge basket full of clothes which she had just washed—"is evidence that I am strong enough for the last four months I have had from seven to ten dozen clothes and stockings all week. What more can I have than worse at the end of the day than a natural tired feeling, which a girl's sound sleep has removed. There is nothing in which I have greater faith than Downes, and I am sure, now that you have heard my story, you will readily understand that."

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DRAMA AND MUSIC.

TERRY'S. "MY ARTFUL VALET."

Mr. Jas. Mortimer's farce, adapted from a French source, called "Gloriana," when originally seen nine years since at the Globe Theatre, was revived for the second time at Terry's on Wednesday night under the altered title of "My Artful Valet."

The piece, dependent upon the ancient and well-known conventional device of a change of garments between a young bridegroom and his valet, which enables the former to disguise both his personality and his peccadilloes from his bride-elect, gives Mr. Jas. Welch the opportunity of displaying his bustling mercurial humour in the role of the servant posing ludicrously as his master, a young Foreign Office official, through an amusing interview with a fellow diplomatist in the person of the dignified Russian envoy, Count Erifoff.

This part, although drawn, in common with the rest, upon the broadest and most extravagant lines of farce, was played by Mr. T. W. Percyval with such finesse and keen characteristic expression as almost raised the portrayal into comedy. Mr. Percyval combining, as he does, the diverse gifts of earnestness, quaintness, and personal distinction, has, heretofore, with Mr. Wilson Barrett, proved his ability for higher impersonations than such as can be made out of the absurdities of commonplace farce.

Mr. Clarence Blakiston as the perplexed bridegroom, Mr. John Willes as the bourgeois father of his fiancee, prettily played by Miss K. Gordon Lee, with Miss Pollie Emery flaunting as her low comedy maid, acted effectively in a cast which, including Miss P. Knight as a young widow, helped the principals to make the audience laugh, but whether with the fresh and hearty zest which betokens lasting success a few nights will tell.

In the burlesque of "Sherlock Holmes," which follows the farce, Mr. Blakiston's travesty of Mr. Wm. Gillette continues to divert the house as a piece of moist adroit and amusing mimicry.

THE CORONET.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST."

If there was any doubtting the wisdom of Mr. George Alexander in reviving that brilliantly epigrammatic satire, "The Importance of Being Earnest," the cordial reception by a crowded and fashionable audience at Mr. Saunders' theatre at Notting Hill Gate was proof positive that the "trivial comedy," as the author himself termed it, had by no means exhausted its power to please. We have rarely seen more heartily enjoyment; the laughter was incessant—indeed, it was positively irritating, for so smart are the lines, so amusing the inverted epigram of the talented writer, on whom avenging Nemesis and finally Death himself laid hands, that one is annoyed at missing a single line of the ripple of conversation. And conversation it is, and little more, although the story, like the telling of it, may be summed up in the words of Gilbert.

How quaint the ways of Parades! At common-sense she gaily mocks!

There is no common sense in "The Importance of Being Earnest." All restraint is thrown to the winds, all probability derided, and, as will be remembered, the amusing quips and scintillating epigrams, so bizarre, so daring an inversion of all that is accepted and orthodox are built round the story of John Worthing, J.P., who is "Jack" in town, and concerns itself with a couple of "intense" young women who have set their strangely neurotic hearts on pighting troth with one whose Christian name shall be the all-important Ernest. As John Worthing, Mr. Alexander has a part which shows off to the fullest advantage his keen sense of comedy. As these lines go to press on Saturday night the last performance of "The Silver Slipper" comes to an end at the close of next week, when the Lyric will be occupied with the rehearsals of Messrs. Seymour Hicks and Walter Slaughter's new musical comedy, to be produced as soon as ready for the first time in public. Miss Annie Hughes, a favourite actress, too long absent from the London stage, returns to it to play the leading character in a new three-act farce by Mr. Arthur Law, just acquired by Mr. Fred Curzon for production at a Winter-end theatre.

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At the Guildhall School of Music on Wednesday there will be an orchestral concert. The programme includes no fewer than four compositions by students of the school, which are to be performed for the first time in public.

On Jan. 14, Miss Lena Burnham will start a season of management at the Oxford-st. house, with Mr. Van Biene in his peculiar entertainment "The Broken Melody," now approaching its 3,000th performance.

The people of Notting Hill are having a good time at the Coronet. After Mr. Alexander comes Mr. Forbes Robertson, who-to-morrow will be seen in "For the Crown"; while "Hamlet" will be given on Tuesday.

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THE BANK FRAUDS.

GOUDIE ARRESTED AT BOOTLE.

STORY OF THE CAPTURE.

After eluding the vigilance of the police for 11 days, Thos. Peterson Goudie, the bank clerk, who is charged with having forged cheques on the Bank of Liverpool to the amount of £170,000, was arrested on Monday at



R. W. Hudson, a customer of the Bank of Liverpool. Of these cheques the first two appeared only to have profited Goudie.

TIGUE BANK TRANSACTIONS.

Following these came 12, which were paid to the credit of an account opened by Goudie himself in another name. Part of the proceeds of these cheques would be traced to Kelly. After these seven cheques of the value of £53,000 would be traced to Kelly and another person not before the court. Altogether £78,500 would be traced as having been paid to Kelly.

In the first instance, Mr. Mathews indicated that the further distribution of this money might be subsequently traced, but at present it was not necessary to pursue the matter. After these came another batch of six cheques, amounting to £91,000, which were paid in the first instance to the credit of the accounts of Laurie Marks at the Credit Lyonnais and the New Oxford branch of the London and County Bank. Of the money so obtained some would be shown to have been passed on by Marks to Burge. Only sufficient evidence was called to justify a remand, and Mr. Fenwick said that at present he could not entertain the question of bail.

ALLEGED ACCESSORIES.

At Liverpool, Jno. Aitken, 33, licensee holder in Sussex-st., and Jno. Roberts, 33, commission agent, of Myrtle-st., Seacombe, were charged with being accessory after the fact in the Goudie bank frauds.—Evidence of arrest having been given, the following statement, made by Aitken when he was charged, was read:—"Now listen, and I will tell you how it was. On the night that Goudie went away I was playing a game of billiards in a hall near to my house, and I received a message that I was wanted outside. When I had finished the game I went out and saw Roberts. He said he wanted to speak to me for a few minutes as his punter was in trouble, and would I put him up for a few nights, as he had no room in his house. He said, 'Goudie is in your house now.' I told him I had no room. We had a drink together, and we accompanied Goudie to Bootle, and you know the rest." Roberts, when charged, said, "We did not know it was so serious until we saw the papers, and then we had gone so far we could not turn back."—Prisoners were remanded till Tuesday, bail being re-

fused.

THE LANDLADY'S SUSPICIONS.

Mrs. Harding, it appears, was the author of the mysterious anonymous letter to the police—one of hundreds—which the chief of the Liverpool detective department deemed it wise to publish. She says that there was nothing at all suspicious about her new lodger's conduct at first. He was very sparing in the food that he took, and was always wanting to see the papers, of which he purchased large quantities. This first aroused Mrs. Harding's suspicions, and she looked up the portraits of Goudie in the illustrated papers, and ultimately communicated with the police.

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LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

Sunday Morning. The extraordinary arrogance of the Boers on the prospects of peace put forward on behalf of the Boer leaders ought to make those Radicals who voted for the absurd resolution at Derby exceedingly thoughtful. So long as Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds can live comfortably at Hilversum they evidently see no reason why their unhappy countrymen should not go on being killed and getting taken—their unfortunate country plunging deeper and deeper into ruin. The gentlemen at Hilversum have nothing whatever to lose by the continuance of the fighting, and there is always the possibility that some chance, such as the occurrence of a great European war, might conceivably make our position in South Africa more difficult.

But, even so, I do not for a moment believe that, if it were not for the attitude taken up by a section of the Radical party in this country, they would urge their followers to go on fighting. It is the belief that one of the great English parties would, if it came into power, be content with something less than annexation, which causes them to hold out for terms from which annexation is omitted, and the harm which is done by such resolutions as that at Derby it is impossible to calculate. If only our Radicals could be persuaded to take themselves seriously, or to understand that, whether they do or not, the Boers take them very seriously indeed, I cannot believe they would ever pass resolutions and make speeches of this sort.

I fancy, however, that, whatever Mr. Kruger and the clique which surrounds him may think, the conviction

is very rapidly being knocked into the Boers in the field that there is nothing for it but unconditional surrender. A beaten army cannot, of course, be expected to lay down its arms unconditionally until it is convinced that there is really no further hope at all, and the Boers are much like ourselves in not knowing when they are beaten. But the events of the last few days must have had an illuminating effect upon their minds, and if only they could be convinced of the fact that there is about as much chance of an anti-annexationist party coming into power in England as of, say, Mr. Kruger leaving the comfortable security of Holland, the end would be speedy.

One of the most unpatriotic things which a section of the Opposition has done of late is to hint that Ministers are not really in earnest when they declare that self-government on the Colonial model will be granted to the new territories as soon as it is safe to do so. Everybody in England knows that it is the fixed determination of this country to grant the utmost measures of freedom, consistent with the security of the Empire and the peace of South Africa, and it is little short of infamous to egg on the Boers to continued resistance by suggesting that the party in power deserves to keep the new territories under an almost despotic rule in perpetuity.

Everybody will agree with Lord Tweedmouth in declaring that "it is time for the Radicals to cease ploughing lonely furrows, but to get a good team in front of the plough, and harness the horses and get on with the furrow." It is excellent advice, in theory, only he gives his colleagues no information as to which furrow they are to unite and plough, or where the team is harnessed to come from. They will not be much better off than they are at present if one half of the team is harnessed to the plough-head and the other to the plough-tail, which is apparently about the best they can manage at present, nor if the horse all pull in different ways.

The graceful interchange of compliments between Lord Rosebery and Mr. Chamberlain at the banquet to the Prince of Wales would be impossible in any other country, and we are entitled to plume ourselves not a little on the fact. But there will be those who will see not a little significance in the interchange itself. Rightly or wrongly, the existence of, I will not say a personal animosity, but a certain antipathy of temperament between Lord Rosebery and Mr. Chamberlain has been held to have an important bearing on the political situation, as it has existed since the Home Rule split, and there are those who would attach considerable importance to its disappearance.

It will hardly be denied, except by those who are entirely prejudiced, that Lord Londonderry made a very sensible defence of the arrangement he had entered into between the Post Office and the National Telephone Co. Londoners have not got all they wanted, and, perhaps, not quite all they expected, but then one very seldom finds this in the world, and I am not at all sure that they would have found themselves at all better off under the schemes of the County Council. The telephone user might have got greater benefits, but, in his capacity of ratepayer, he would probably have found himself compelled to pay for them through the nose. It is not the habit of the County Council to consider the ratepayer's pocket.

The story told in yesterday's "Globe" of the Salmon's cat is one of the weirdest I ever came across. On the morning of her accident the Salmon was lying alongside of the Sturgeon, and her two cats, who had all their lives shown the most perfect contentment with their home, made two desperate attempts to get on board the Sturgeon. The crew drove them off again and again, and the ship's dog worried them whenever they could get a chance, but they would not be deterred, and when the Salmon at last cast off landed themselves with one final spring on the Sturgeon's deck.

How did those cats know that the Salmon was going to get into trouble? It seems absurd to suggest that they did, and yet no other explanation covers the fact. Why should they take a sudden and utterly unreasonable aversion to the ship which had always been their home, and on which they were everybody's pets, and why, above all, should they insist on making their way to another, from which they had been five times so inhospitably repelled? Of all animals in the world the cat resents the most. It never forgives or forgets an unkindness, and the persistence of these two is quite contrary to ordinary cat nature.

WIDE AWAKE.

SAVOY THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

It is just over nineteen years since the opening of the Savoy Theatre was signified by the first performance of one of the most brilliant of the Gilbert-Sullivan series of comic operas—"Iolanthe, or the Peer and Peri"—and as one sat in the same theatre last night and listened to the amusing talk of Mr. W. S. Gilbert and the infinite music of the late Sir A. Sullivan, heard the laughter provoked by the one and the genuinely enthusiastic applause created by the other, there was no difficulty in realising the wisdom of the policy of the last of the several revivals. How wonderfully these operas wear! A trite reflection may be but one inevitably forced on the mind on this as on other occasions. We should not be surprised, however, if "Iolanthe" proves a

success. Albert Coleen, a tramp, was at Bristol sent to gaol for a month for refusing to perform his allotted task at the workhouse.

In Cross-lane, Manchester, a woman was suddenly taken ill. She was conveyed to a shop close by, where she gave birth to a child.

At High Wycombe, Emanuel Marks, jeweller, of Mare-st., Hackney, was fined £1 2s. or seven days for selling plate in Wycombe Market without a licence.

Weavers in Ashton-under-Lyne have struck work, alleging that the materials they are given to work in are poor and coarse that they cannot earn satisfactory wages.

A. Wessel, 16, who had quarrelled with his sweetheart, was remanded at Liverpool on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by shooting himself with a revolver in Sefton Park.

The secretary of the Aldington Estate Company, Mr. De la Quintana, has been found at Southwick with a bullet in his head. A revolver lay beside him. He is in a critical state.

At Crewe, Havelock Hughes, who stated that he had been employed in Smithfield Market, as butcher, was fined 30s. for travelling on the L. & N.W.R. without paying his fare.

Sir C. Legard died at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough. He had an attack of rheumatic fever early in the week, but appeared to be going on well until yesterday, when he relapsed.

At Northwich, Wm. Wyche, thrashing machine attendant, 1, Hy. Wyche, coal beaver, and Annie Wyche, all residing in Whalley-nd., were remanded, on a charge of cruelty to two children. At Dover two steamers boats have been washed ashore, in addition to some wreckage from a steamer and a sailing ship, which appears to confirm the report of a shipping disaster off Ostend.

At Leeds Assizes, Jno. Murgatroyd, herbalist, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for having performed an illegal operation upon Mary Jane Hornby, wife of a working jeweller at Leeds.

An explosion occurred at an electric transformation station in High-street, Rochester. Paving stones were torn up and shattered, two windows were broken, and two women were thrown to the ground.

A vessel about 200 tons, employed in connection with the National Harbour Works at Dover, while proceeding down the river Stour when in flood, got out of her course, and grounded in a field at Sandwich, where subsequently she was left. A special slipway is being built to enable the vessel to reach the river.

FOREIGN.

The appointment of Count Wolf Metternich von Gracht as German Ambassador in London is confirmed.

Five miners have been killed and seven injured by an explosion of fire-damp in a coal mine at Petrovny, Hungary.—Reuter.

It is announced in Paris that the issue of the Three per Cent. Italian Loan of 265,000,000 francs. has been fixed for the 21st inst.—Reuter.

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A Bill has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives providing a pension of 5,000 dollars per annum for the widow of the late President McKinley.—Reuter.

The Hamburg-American Steamship Co. and the German Levant Line have combined, with the object of making a joint regular steamship service between New York and the Levant ports.—Reuter.

Three persons have been arrested at Basel, Italy, who are alleged to have played a prominent part in the scandal at Naples connected with the procuring of exemption from military service.—Reuter.

An anti-British crowd, which sought to make a demonstration in front of the British Consulate at Bordeaux, numbered 1,000. Some 20 persons were arrested, but were all subsequently released.—Reuter.

Gen. Chaffee urges that no American troops be withdrawn from the Philippines until Jan. 1, 1903, as the conditions in the islands do not justify any reduction of the forces under his command.—Reuter.

The Russian Government has made representations to the Vatican in reference to the conduct of Cardinal Ledwitsky, who, they state, is secretly encouraging the anti-Russian movement in Poland.—Daijel.

Mohed Bey, the police officer, who was removed from his post at Askup at the request of the Austrian Government, has received a money present from the Sultan and has been appointed to a more important position in the service at Priasdien.—Daijel.

The Colombian Government has protested against the action of the International Oceanic Canal Commission in regarding as the final definite price at which the Panama waterway can be purchased the figures which Mr. Bunt presented as a basis for discussion.—Reuter.

A skating party from Government House, Ottawa, broke through the ice on the Ottawa River on Friday night. Miss Blair, daughter of the Minister of Railways, and Mr. Albert Harper, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labour, who went to the rescue, were both drowned.—Reuter.

The Kedive, on Friday, attended a torchlight tattoo and a display of fireworks in the War Office square, Khartoum. His Highness was exceedingly pleased, and profoundly thanked the officers concerned in making the arrangements. The Kedive started yesterday on his return north.—Reuter.

The motor-car racer Rigel, riding

a torchlight tattoo and a display of

fireworks in the coming Coro-

nata. Encores were numerous, and

"Iolanthe" was, from beginning to

end, received with abundant enthu-

siasm. It was a graceful tribute to call

forward Mrs. D'Oyley Carte to share in

the general triumph.

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DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE.

SPEECH AT THE HOTEL CECIL LAST NIGHT.

The Duke of Cambridge last night presented prizes and medals to the men of the Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry (Duke of Cambridge's Hussars) at the Hotel Cecil. In the course of an address afterwards H.R.H. said: "I am proud to think that among my many duties I have had that of saving the yeomanry from destruction. (Cheers.) I am exceedingly glad to find that my first impressions of the yeomanry were not incorrect, and to find even that they have proved more useful to the country than had at first been expected. (Cheers.) The spirit which has shown itself in this nation has been most remarkable, and I think it has been most marked among the men composing the Imperial Yeomanry—(cheers)—who have performed their duties most nobly and well. (Loud cheers.) They came forward at a time when it was very doubtful as to what the duties allotted to them would be, but this, notwithstanding,

they behaved most creditably.

The Yeoman of England are well qualified to crown the sceptre of the nation at any time when serious events may arise, and they are a bright example to their countrymen. I sincerely trust that in the future history of the nation no question will ever be entertained as to maintaining the Yeomanry. I am pleased to know that the nation admires the Yeomanry, and I am quite satisfied that the Yeomanry will do their duty and continue worthy of their country's confidence. (Cheers.) I am very glad to find that the Yeomanry have had an opportunity of showing their prowess in the field, and I am quite sure they could not have been in better hands than those of Col. Kenyon Mitford, who led this regiment at the front." A smoking concert followed. Among those present were Maj.-gen. Kelly-Kenny, Col. F. G. George, and Lord Errol.

SIR E. VINCENT AND GEN. BULLER.

Speaking last night at Exeter, Sir E. Vincent, M.P., referred at length to the case of Sir Redvers Buller. Sir Edgar said it was premature to come to a decision on the subject at the present juncture. If there was to be a controversy a full knowledge of the facts, which the country was not in possession of at present, was essential. The proper constitutional tribunal must be the House of Commons, and it was there that the Government must show the grounds upon which their decision was taken.

FISHING FLEET EARNINGS.

The 450 Scottish fishing boats that have been pursuing herring voyage at Bembridge since the beginning of October, concluded their operations yesterday, when the last boat left her northern station. Some of the best boats carried back to Scotland earnings of £500, and from this figure the returns grade off to about £120 per boat. Taking a fair average of £200 per boat, the fishing fleet has won north of £100,000.

THE CASE OF MISS EASTWICK.

The U.S. State Department has, says the Central News, under consideration an application from the family of Miss Eastwick, who was recently convicted in England of fraudulently altering a Canadian Pacific Railway bond, asking the Department to make an appeal for that lady's release. The application is accompanied by a mass of testimony to show that Miss Eastwick has been subject to fits of derangement, rendering her irresponsible for her actions, and that she is now in that condition. The department will transmit the papers to the U.S. Embassy in London with instructions to it to do all it properly can in Miss Eastwick's behalf.

LATE THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL GOSSIP.

Mr. C. F. Williams, of the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, has secured a very strong cast for his pantomime of "Aladdin," which he produces at the Savoy Theatre this Christmas.

Mr. Will Dennis, who is to play the part of the Earl in "Little Lord Fauntleroy" during the forthcoming matinees at Wyndham's Theatre, made his first appearance as Joe Hurst in "The Shoemaker's Daughter" at the Royal, in 1892. Mr. Dennis should be well qualified for the part of Lord Dorincourt if experience in playing parts of "Aladdin" for anything. In "Count of Monte-Carlo" he is a Leader of Men, and in "A Lady of Quality" he represented peers of this degree.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to continue her patronage to the Westminster Orchestral Society.

The first production of "The Swineherd and the Princess," will be given at the Royal Opera House on Thursday evening.

The following costumes were the winners of the six special prizes at the Fancy Dress Ball last Friday evening:

1st, "Spirit of the Times"; 2nd,

"Springtime of Life"; 3rd, "Twiddly Bits"; 4th, "Pansy Blossom"; 5th,

"By the Silver Sea"; 6th, "Water Lillies."

THE MURDER OF STAMBULOFF AN OLD STORY REVIVED.

Vienna, Dec. 7.—Telegrams from Sofia announce that last night the police arrested a man named Halju upon whose track they have been ever since the assassination of the Bulgarian Prime Minister, Stambuloff.

Halju, deeming himself comparatively secure, turned to Bulgaria. He offered a violent resistance to the police, firing shots from two revolvers, but hitting on one. His trial will, it is said, necessitate a revision of the whole case.

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THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

In the American House of Repre-

sentatives yesterday, Mr. Gardner, of

New Jersey, introduced a resolution

authorising the purchase of the Danish

West Indies by the U.S., and ap-

propriating for the purpose a sum not ex-

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Admiralty Division.

THE KOH-I-NOOR'S COLLISION.

Sir F. Jeune, assayed by Trinity Masters, had before him the case of the owners of the a.s. Huguenot v. the owners of the a.s. Koh-i-Noor.—This was a claim and counterclaim for damages arising to collision between the Tyne a.s. Huguenot and the Palace Steamers Co.'s paddle s.a.s. Koh-i-Noor in the Thames on the evening of Aug. 1. The Huguenot was proceeding down the Thames en route to the Tyne, in ballast, and the Koh-i-Noor was coming up on her return trip from Margate, with 160 passengers on board. The Koh-i-Noor was rounding Shoreness Point, and had asterned into the Long Reach, when the Huguenot was just coming down to round the point. The owners of the Huguenot's complaint was that as the Koh-i-Noor was coming up river against the tide, she ought to have waited round the point till the Huguenot had safely passed, but instead of doing so she came on at great speed, and was slightly carried over by the tide, so that the two vessels collided.—On behalf of the Koh-i-Noor, it was said that when they rounded the point the Huguenot was some way up the river, and that the Huguenot, which was in charge of a Trinity House pilot, was solely responsible for the collision through her faulty navigation, and being on the wrong side of the river.—The master of the Koh-i-Noor said he was coming up at half-speed, making nine or ten knots, and at the time the accident actually happened he had pulled the Koh-i-Noor to a standstill.—His lordship, in giving judgment, said he had to lay upon the evidence of the independent witnesses, and that evidence supported the case of the Huguenot, and the Koh-i-Noor must be found alone to blame.

West Ham.

ALLEGED EXPERT PICKPOCKET AT 10 Violet Hammond, 10, Els, Cleve-st., East Ham, was charged with stealing from Priscilla Roworth, a purse containing some small coins and four studs.—On Friday night Det.-sergeant Liddell saw in prison in Green-st., East Ham, among a crowd. The detective saw her feel in several ladies' pockets. From Miss Roworth's pocket she took a purse, and went to another part of the street. The detective, after some conversation took her to the police station, where she was charged. The officer said that during the past 12 months he had spoken to her a number of times, often seeing her attempting to pick pockets. Prisoner usually went to another girl, and they both expert pickpockets. One night last week the two went in a grocer's on Green-st., and after they came out, five ladies missed their purses. There was no proof that they took them, but prisoner went in the shop again on Friday night.—Remanded in custody.

Marlborough-street.

CLOTH THIEVES SENTENCED.

Peter Scannell, 61, carpenter, who refused his address, and Tom Wall, 35, general dealer, East-st., Woolwich, was summoned for selling milk adulterated with seven per cent. of water.—Mr. Ricketts, who presented, said defendant was convicted of the same offence the day after the sample which formed the basis of the present summons was taken. He had obtained milk from a firm at Peckham, who had given him a warranty from the farmer who supplied the milk. He had since obtained the milk elsewhere.—Defendant's wife said the milk was sold just as delivered, and the sample was the first quantity sold. The firm had promised to pay part of the former fine and costs, but had not done so. They had continued to deal with the firm after the serving of the summons, as there was an account owing.—Mr. Kennedy: I think I should have deducted the sum from the account.—Fined 40s. and 2s. costs.

Greenwich.

ADULTERATED MILK.

Jas. Dyson, milk-seller, of Kender-st., Deptford, was summoned for selling milk adulterated with seven per cent. of water.—Mr. Ricketts, who presented, said defendant was convicted of the same offence the day after the sample which formed the basis of the present summons was taken. He had obtained milk from a firm at Peckham, who had given him a warranty from the farmer who supplied the milk. He had since obtained the milk elsewhere.—Defendant's wife said the milk was sold just as delivered, and the sample was the first quantity sold. The firm had promised to pay part of the former fine and costs, but had not done so. They had continued to deal with the firm after the serving of the summons, as there was an account owing.—Mr. Kennedy: I think I should have deducted the sum from the account.—Fined 40s. and 2s. costs.

Chancery Division.

SHAREHOLDER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Justice Wright had before him the matter of the Secre Film Co. (British and Colonial) (Ltd.), which came up on a summons to vary the list of contributors to the company.—The application was by a Mr. Constable, who wished to have his name removed from the share register.

He said he applied for shares in the company, and sent a deposit, but before he called off his application.

He never received notice of allotment, and it was for the liquidator to prove that the notice had been sent.—For the liquidator, it was

said that the notice was duly posted, his lordship said he was not satisfied that the cancellation was properly posted, and applicant must remain on the register.—Appeal dismissed, with costs.

King's Bench Division.

PICTURE ACTION.

Smithers, Trussey v. Nicholls, before Justice Jeff, was an action by the trustee of the property of Leonard Chas. Smithers, printer and publisher, against Mr. Harry P. Nicholls, of Paris.—Plaintiff sought to recover £55 odd, 1 d. and of an account for goods sold and delivered.

Defendant said that credit was not given to him.—According to the statement of counsel the action was brought to recover the balance due in respect of 25 photographic plates which plaintiff had executed for defendant, and 200 copies of each of the 25 plates, which plaintiff obtained and delivered to defendant.

Mr. Smithers had been in partnership with Mr. Nicholls in a printing and publishing business, and defendant being anxious about a book entitled "Calognomia," he was producing, desired to get the work in connection with it done.

Being an undischarged bankrupt he came to Mr. Smithers, his old partner, and asked him to get it done for him and hand him the work when finished.

Mr. Smithers thereupon put the matter in hand, and the work was executed in Paris. The plates were submitted to defendant, and he ordered 200 copies of each, making 5,000 copies altogether.

The copies having been executed, they were delivered to defendant.—The defence was that plaintiff knew perfectly well that he was dealing with the Walpole Press, of which Mr. Nicholls was the manager. Defendant said he did not in any way render himself liable.—Judgment for plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs.

South Western.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

An inquest was held by Dr. Thomas on Jno. Carmody, 11, son of a hotel porter, of Victoria-pl., Salisbury-st., Lasson-grove.—On Monday, deceased went into the street to play. He was seen riding with another boy behind a brougham in Edgware-rd. Deceased fell from behind the brougham into the roadway, and eventually died.—Dr. Nesfield, house surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, deposed that death was due to compression of blood on the brain due to fall.—Verdict, accidental death.

SCENE IN A CORONER'S COURT.

Dr. Westcott, coroner, held an inquest on Emily Kelly, 37, wife of an export packer, of 14, Whitecross-place, Finsbury.

The coroner said the inquest was held at the request of the husband, who expressed himself dissatisfied with the midwife's treatment.

It was for the jury to say whether the death was a natural one, or whether anyone was to blame.—All Hugh Kelly, the husband, stated that his wife was confined on Oct. 14. He alleged delay on the part of the midwife in attending, and also rough treatment of his wife.

Dr. Oliver said the midwife was paid a penny, although the proper price of the paper was a half-penny.—Mr. Garret: Did you pay a penny?—Witness: Well, I was excited. I looked at the paper and found nothing about a midwife.

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Croydon.

COFFEE-SHOP KEEPER AND HER LOVER.

Percy Scrimshaw, 23, of Eagle Hill, Upper Norwood, was charged with stealing £1, belonging to Ethel Maud Finch.

Prosecutor stated that in June she had a coffee-shop at Crown-lane, Streatham.

Scrimshaw was a customer, and after a time a partner purchased a coffee for which he paid a penny, although the proper price of the paper was a half-penny.—Mr. Garret: Did you pay a penny?—Witness: Well, I was excited. I looked at the paper and found nothing about a murderer.

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